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FANWOOD

The Fanwood Athletic Association boys observed Hallowe'en with a party in the girls study hall on Friday evening, November 2d. The room had been nicely decorated with orange and black streamers, pumpkins, cats, etc.

The program opened with the grand march, followed by a waltz, after which there was a miniature show. It was comprised mostly of specialty acts, with Leon Auerbach dressed as a witch, acting as master of ceremonies. The first play had as its theme, "The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe," with Cadet Haviluk playing the lady. The other play was about Cinderella, with Cadet Hecht in the leading role, which brought gales of laughter from the girls at the unconscious humor of his acting in a feminine part, and especially when the slipper left behind was a gym sneaker of giant size.

Following the play, there were the time-honored games of ducking for apples. Vincent Sherman dressed as a robot with concealed electric batteries, presided over a large basin of water, where all were invited to brave the charged liquid to get the pennies at the bottom.

In the meantime while all the jollity was in progress, unnoticed, the clock kept going steadily—tick, tock—and the half-past ten closing time came all too soon.

The cast of characters were:

Witch and Cat	L. Auerbach and F. Domiski
Devil	W. Abbott
Ghost	I. Gordon
Play	W. Haviluk, J. Hughes, J. McCaffrey, and J. Coffey
Clowns	D. Rullo and W. Stupfer
Play	B. Pivarnick, N. Hecht, S. Kaporowsky, L. Forman, E. Conklin, A. Colonomos
Dance	A. Geackel and I. Bell
Magic	J. Stoller and A. Demicco
Penny in Charged Water	V. Sherman

On Tuesday evening, October 23d, a rally of all boys interested in becoming Boy Scouts was held in the gymnasium. More than eighty boys turned out. Mr. Governor Rush, Scout Commissioner for the Audubon district, and a leader, also a few Life, Star and Eagle Scouts, came to the rally to demonstrate Scout activities and to help tutor the boys in the requirements for Tenderfoot rank. A number of the older boys expressed a desire to join and they will serve as leaders until the troops are definitely organized. The movement has been greeted by a great deal of enthusiasm by the young fellows and a saunter through the boys' playroom will reveal many a lad practicing his knot-tying in preparation for his first tests.

In spite of the smaller number of girls, the members of the Barrager Athletic Association are still active. New members and officers have been chosen. The twenty-four members of the organization are making it much better than ever before. The officers are as follows: President, Peggy Reston; Vice-President, Mercedes Nordman; Secretary, Eleanor Johnson; Treasurer, Maria Lombardi; Chairman, Christine Durso.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Wednesday, October 31st, at the Board Room of the City Bank and Farmers Trust Co., 22 William Street, at 2:30 p.m. The following members were present: Major Francis G. Landon, President; Messrs. Deming, Winthrop, W. Wickham Hoffman, Johnson, Pearson, and Mr. Joseph R. Barr, by invitation; also Superintendent Skyberg and Steward Davis.

The Fanwood Literary Association met in the girls' study hall Thursday night, November 1st, at 8:30 o'clock. The following program was presented:

Reading, "Crocodile Tears"	Thomas Kolenda
Poem, "It's Hallowe'en"	Lucy Tauro
Dialogue, "Superstitions are Silly"	Mary Lombardi and James LaSala
Poem, "A Hallowe'en Wish"	William Stark

The Adrastian Society had its first meeting recently and the new officers are: Captain, Peggy Reston; First Lieutenant, Mercedes Nordman; Second Lieutenant, Eleanor Johnson; First Sergeant, Christine Durso; Second Sergeant, Maria Lombardi; Third Sergeant, Roselle Weiner.

New York State Association

Editor Deaf-Mutes' Journal:

The letters recently published, from the pens of Altor L. Sedlow and Sol D. Weil, anent a New York State Association of the Deaf, arouse all my enthusiasm. It may be recalled that I myself wrote a letter on the subject to the *Silent Worker* some six or seven years ago; also did considerable writing in the *Frat* regarding the employment problem as it relates to the deaf.

I looked, years ago, upon a successor of the Empire State Association, and I look today upon it, as the crying need of the New York State deaf. I know not what caused that Association to be dissolved. But one with vision might clearly have seen many, many reasons why it should have been re-organized. The good a properly run, competent, run, could accomplish, is beyond calculation.

No one with the slightest amount of common-sense can deny the need to the deaf of this state of a State Labor Bureau for them especially, run by the only person capable of really understanding and sympathizing with their problems—a deaf man or woman. What deaf man or woman has felt the sting of unmerited suspicion of ability? Show me such, aside from a very few highly educated, very fortunate or financially independent persons.

Minnesota and one or two other States have for years had such labor bureaus, as we well know. I cry shame to the intelligence and ambition of the New York State deaf—the deaf of the most densely-populated and wealthiest state of the Union—after the examples so long set, and so convincingly proven to be sound, of these other States, to have taken no action to profit by them, for such a length of time.

I have myself experienced the incompetent and lukewarm efforts of the State Bureau of Rehabilitation—at present New York State's nearest approach to a State Labor Bureau for the Deaf—to place the deaf in self-supporting and congenial employment.

New York State has a Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf. It is now seeking subscriptions toward a \$50,000 endowment fund. Just another example of the need we have for a State-wide Association—a state-wide union of existing local and territorial organizations for really mutual co-operation and good-will. Where very few of such local organizations, if, indeed, any, could as units, subscribe to such a fund, we, as a single state-wide body, might be able to generously support the Home annually.

However, aside from the really vital projects behind which a State Association could get, it would be very much worth organizing from the social standpoint. Hundreds of people will be unable to think of attending the Kansas City and future conventions

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NEW YORK CITY

ST. ANN'S CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, November 4th, was annual Memorial Sunday at St. Ann's Church for the Deaf. A good number were in attendance at the afternoon service, though the heavy rain kept away many more. As usual on this occasion, the space round the altar was decorated with flowers in commemoration of the departed. White and yellow chrysanthemums in a setting of oak leaves made a beautiful background for the solemn rites of the Holy Communion and Memorial Service. Among the names mentioned in the list of departed for the past year were those of Isaac B. Gardner, Dr. Bern B. Galaudet, Stanley Robinson, George Abrams, George Van Nostrand, William W. W. Thomas, Edward C. Elsworth, Harriet J. Glynn, George H. Witschief, Ella Cullingworth, Henry Frey and Peter Mitchell.

The collection at this service was devoted to the Gallaudet Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes, which is making a drive for funds to lift it out of debt. Instead of a sermon, the Vicar made an address from the pulpit, outlining the history of the Gallaudet Home, and appealing to the deaf of New York City for their interest and co-operation in raising funds for the Home.

A vested choir consisting of Miss Eleanor Sherman, choir-leader, Misses Anna Klaus and Anna Feger, and Mesdames H. Diekman and L. Radlein rendered "Onward Christian Soldiers," "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," and "Lead Us, O Father, in the Paths of Peace." Mr. Charles Terry assisted the choir as crucifer.

Wednesday evening, October 31st, witnessed the annual Hallowe'en party in the auditorium of St. Ann's Church for the Deaf. There were apples all over the place, most of them floating in a tub of water, according to the old Hallowe'en rite. The young people played other games, too, some of them contests in which useful prizes were given. About seventy-five people were present at the festivities. The committee in charge consisted of Mr. Edmund Hicks, chairman; Messrs. Harry Jackson and Louis Radlein, and Misses Sadie Laverty and Anna Feger. Refreshments were on sale. Following the custom of years, the proceeds of this entertainment went to the Thanksgiving Fund, to provide dinners for the needy.

SIXTY YEARS OLD

The genial and ever-smiling Mr. John Maier asked a number of his friends and the "Jolly Jabber Club" to meet him at a certain corner on Saturday, October 27th, and then led them to Brooklyn's famous restaurant, "The Arlington." He then invited them to sit down to an elaborate table spread, announcing he had reached his sixtieth milestone and all had been invited to help him celebrate it. When the guests had been fully satisfied with food and drink, Mr. Charles F. Schneider made a short speech of congratulation and expressed the sentiment of all present by hoping that Mr. Maier would live to reach the century mark. Then Mrs. M. Klopsch, famous for her gay parties and lavish entertainments, invited the whole crowd to come to her home for a Hallowe'en party in Mr. Maier's honor. Arriving at her gayly-decorated domicile, Hallowe'en games and stories were indulged in. The evening sped rapidly, and at midnight the guests were invited to sit down again at a beautifully-decorated Hallowe'en

table, where another feast was served. With that consumed, Mr. Schneider rose again, and with a short speech, presented Mr. Maier with a box of cigars and an envelope containing a birthday card and a purse of \$25, the gifts of the Jolly Jabber Club and some other friends. Mr. Maier, visibly affected, graciously thanked all for the unexpected gifts. The party broke up at about 2:30 a.m., but some chose to remain to play a game of "500." Mrs. Chas. F. Schneider captured the first prize, and Mrs. Fred Hering, the second. Mr. M. Klopsch was the winner for non-players. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames G. Donovan, F. Hering, M. Klopsch, L. Metzger, C. F. Schneider, B. Stillman, M. Auerbach, Mrs. E. Schnakenberg, Miss G. Williams, Messrs. E. Mayer, J. Landau and Mr. Maier.

H. A. D.

The first victory of the season was chalked up by the H. A. D. Lassies basketball team, when the charges of Coach Arthur Kruger defeated the Abbott Girls, 24 to 18, on Wednesday evening, October 31st. The first half was a nip-and-tuck fight, and the visiting team took the lead as the half ended, 10 to 9. The H. A. D. Lassies rallied in the second half, and were always in the lead and never were seriously threatened. Captain Auerbach was the leading scorer with eight points, while Schwartz was second with seven points. Jane Teweles, the younger of the Teweles sisters, performed creditably at guard, while Koplowitz's all-around playing deserved mention. Herbert Carroll was the referee.

A special invitation is extended to all the deaf to attend the Friday evening services at the magnificent temple "Beth-El" which will be the association's future home on Friday evening, November 9th, at 8:15 p.m. The temple is situated at the southeastern corner of Fifth Ave. and 76th Street. Rabbi Harry Gutmann will have the honor to officiate, while Layreader Charles Joselow, as usual, will interpret in signs.

B. H. S. D.

The Brooklyn Hebrew Society of the Deaf, under the auspices of the National Council of Jewish Women, Brooklyn Section, will meet at the Hebrew Educational Society Building at Sutter and Hopkinson Avenues, Brooklyn, on Friday, November 9th, at 8:30 p.m.

The speaker for the evening is Dr. Jonas Selverstone, of 888 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, well-known oral surgeon in New York. He is chairman of the Oral Hygiene Committee of the Kings County Dental Society, lecturer for the Allied Dental Council, for the Northern District Dental Society and for the Parents-Teachers' Organizations of Brooklyn.

Dr. Selverstone will supplement his lecture with moving pictures upon the care and hygiene of teeth as well as upon his clinical observations as recorded by means of the films to be shown.

The chairman of the evening is Mrs. Gladys M. Shepherd of the Brooklyn Section of the National Council.

Mr. Harry Pierce Kane wishes to announce that the report that Mrs. Kane was seriously injured, much less killed, is, in the words of Mark Twain, "greatly exaggerated." While it is true she was involved in an auto accident that happened fully three months ago, the most seriously damaged was the auto itself.

As the JOURNAL goes to press, word comes of the death of Mr. Edward P. Clarke on Monday night, October 5th.

BOSTON

The monthly services for the Catholic deaf of greater Boston, conducted on the first Sunday of every month, in the Boston College High School, 761 Harrison Avenue, South End, by the Rev. John Butler and a group of Jesuit scholars from Weston College, commenced for the 1934-35 season, on Sunday, October 6th, at 3:30 P.M. Services were given in a combination of sign language and articulation, and consisted of a sermon and religious instruction.

Services are held by the Lynn Catholic deaf on every third Sunday, under the leadership of Rev. Watson, on Market Street, back of the Y. M. C. A. near City Hall, Lynn. The Lynn choir comprises of Mesdames H. Battersby and V. Babarti and Misses N. Eagan and J. Boisvert.

The Lynn Catholic deaf tendered a surprise gift to Father Watson, on his natal day, September 16th. It was a beautiful chime electric clock, as a reward for his faithful service over a period of two years. They also hold a free whist party every Thursday evening at the school gym, with attractive prizes donated by Father Watson. Rev. Watson is rapidly learning the sign language, under the able guidance of Mr. Henry Battersby, our fourth Grand Vice-President of the N. F. S. D., and President of the N. E. G. A.

One of the large events that occurred in this city, was the twentieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Miller, of Dorchester, which was celebrated on Sunday evening, October 21st, at the Y. M. H. A. Auditorium. A sumptuous reception was tendered in their honor, at which a wide circle of friends were present to bless them on their long wedded life. They were the recipients of a purse of \$25. The couple have three lovely children.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller (*nee* Frieda Channen) were graduates of the old Horace Mann School, Newbury Street, Boston. Mr. Miller has been in the newspaper business for around 26 years.

Regular Friday evening services of the Hebrew Association of the Deaf were resumed at the Temple Mishkan Tefila vestry, Elm Hill Avenue, corner Seaver Street, Roxbury, on Friday evening, October 5th, at 8:30 P.M., with M. L. H. Snyder as leader.

The N. F. S. D., No. 35, Hallowe'en Dance, on October 27th, at the Ritz Plaza Ballroom, attracted upwards of 175 persons, it being the first dance of the Fall season. Several out-of-towners came. Amongst them were Messrs. G. Cameron and H. Whitehouse, of Springfield, and Mr. A. Grossman, of Providence, R. I. Cash prizes for original Hallowe'en costumes were awarded. Names of winners were not gleaned. Games were played during the course of the dances. The Frats will, as usual, hold their annual New Year's week-end entertainment, to be held at different places.

Mrs. Mark Cohen died in City Hospital on October 26th. In the previous Boston column, it had been stated she was on the road to recovery after undergoing a surgical operation at the Forest Hills Hospital.

Mrs. Cohen became very ill, two weeks later, it being disclosed that she had been suffering from kidney trouble for a few years, and was removed to the hospital on October 24th. Mrs. Cohen was a product of the old American School for the Deaf.

Mrs. Geo. Freedman has been spending a week with her parents in Worcester.

Mesdames Geo. Hull and Walter Lombard, of Arlington, are week-ending as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Simonson of New York City, on November 2d.

Mr. Bob McCarthy, of Dorchester, was accompanied by Mr. John O'Neil, of Charleston, when motoring to Narragansett Park (Race Track) on Saturday, October 27th; attended the

Frat Dance in Providence, R. I., on that evening. The following morning, they returned with Misses Nellie Burke and Catherine Davy, who were taken on a sightseeing tour through Boston. They wound up the evening with a social at Mr. Kornblum's home.

It was on the 25th of October, instead of November, that Miss Lillian McQuestion became the bride of Mr. William Hill, both of Lawrence. They were graduates of the Clarke School, Northampton. They are now living happily in their new apartment home in the Back Bay. They were present at the Frats' Hallowe'en Dance, where their friends tendered their heartiest congratulations.

At the last meeting of the Boston Oral Club, members were pleased to have Miss Ely, of Ohio, back again in their midst, after several months' absence, due to her aged mother's illness.

Our sympathy is extended to Mary McCarthy and family on the loss of their father on October 18th.

The "Penny Sale" by the Horace Mann Alumni Association will take place at the Egyptian Parlors, 10 Franklin Street, Allston, on November 10th.

The Boston Silent Club "Whist" will be held at the Ritz Plaza, 218 Huntington Avenue, Boston, on November 17th.

The Oral Club "Kiddie Party" and Supper will be held at 541 Cambridge Street, Allston, on November 17th. Their next movie show will be on December 8th, Mrs. Hull in charge. E.

Nov. 3, 1934.

Syracuse, N. Y.

The Frats of Syracuse, engineered by the efficient chairman, Rozella Ackerman and his corps of enthusiastic helpers, staged a comeback to their old time prestige on October 27th, when they gave a gay party at their new club rooms, to which some hundred and thirty-five responded, making the evening merry with "jest and youthful jollity." Some eighteen persons were masked, and Mrs. Hulda Potter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stiles Woodworth, brought down the house by her ludicrous antics and captured the prize for the most comical costume. Large crowds came from Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Rochester, Watertown, and other places. Mrs. George Seibert came from the greatest distance, Kalamazoo, Mich. Taken all in all, the party was considered the best ever.

Mr. Thomas McCabe, aged fifty-eight, died on October 27th, at the home of his brother, Nicholas McCabe, at Watervliet, N. Y. He had for several years worked on the Crumb farm and had been in poor health for some time, due to stomach disorders. He was educated at the Rome School, and leaves two deaf brothers, Nicholas, of Watervliet, and Richard, of Utica, and also a sister. The deceased formerly worked in Syracuse. The funeral was conducted by a Catholic priest, to which denomination Mr. McCabe belonged.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bliss, of Rochester, attended the Hallowe'en party, and Mrs. Bliss will remain in Syracuse for several weeks, visiting a sister.

Mrs. George Seibert, of Kalamazoo, Mich., is spending a month in Syracuse with a sister. She was formerly Miss Florence Thayer, of Batavia.

Miss Eleanore Atwater, of Lockport, represented "His Satanic Majesty" at the Hallowe'en party and visited in Syracuse as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conley. Miss Atwater has for twelve years been an efficient hand-recorder in the Court House of Lockport, and has a position that any deaf person might envy.

Mrs. Grace Wasse was the guest of friends at Big Moose camp in the Adirondacks the later part of October.

Mrs. John Stewart, of Oneida, visited with the James Lynch family in

Liverpool, N. Y., for three weeks in October.

Rev. H. C. Merrill held services for the deaf of Schenectady and Albany the last Sunday in October, then continued on to New York City to attend a business meeting of the Ministerial Association.

Mrs. Thomas Hinchey and little Tom, Jr., have gone to visit Mrs. Hinchey's father near Windsor, Canada, for a month or more. Tom, Sr., took them as far as Buffalo in his car.

The following article is an excerpt from a letter sent to Mrs. Jesse Kenyon, of Baldwinsville, on the death of Mr. Kenyon. "Recently the writer took a last look at the late Mr. Jesse Kenyon, of this village, and thought of the great works that men have done, but who has done so much under such a heavy handicap as the subject of this brief memo."

"Deaf and dumb, he acquired the equivalent of a University education, learned to read drawings as few could read them, specialized as a machinist and for about forty years turned out the largest and most accurate crankshafts for the Morris Machine Works. This he did without the many helps a foreman can give a workman with whom he can converse—just a few written words and the drawing was all he had to rely on, but his work was always right, accurate, round, straight and true.

"God gave him a perfect body and a brilliant mind. With these he acquired sufficient for a comfortable old age and the respect of all his townspeople.

"If the young of today had such perseverance, we would not have so many drifters, aimless wanderers, going nowhere."

GEORGE E. DONOVAN,
Sup't Morris Machine Works,
Baldwinsville, N. Y.

A summer camp on Oneida Lake valued at \$2,000, and owned by the father of Mr. Strail, who is a retired policeman, was destroyed by fire on October 29th.

The Strail family had spent their summers at the camp for many years. This summer the camp had been rented and the two Strail families moved to a farm near Brewerton, having exchanged their property in Syracuse for the country place.

PITTI SING.

Public School 47 Alumni Association

The Public School 47 Alumni Association has been brought into existence to fill the long necessary need of a means to solidify the graduates of "47."

The cooperation of the Parents Association has been secured and Carrie W. Kearns has accepted the chairmanship of the Advisory Board. The officers are Milton H. Ohringer, President; Muriel Feigenbaum, Vice-President; Leo Kasewitz, Treasurer; Leroy Subit, Secretary. Advisory Board: Carrie W. Kearns, D. Frances Kauffman, Rose Makler, Alexander Bernstein.

The purpose of the Alumni Association will be "three-fold and full"—social, cultural and social welfare.

On November 17th, the University Club, in conjunction with the Parents Association of P. S. 47, will hold a Dance and Bridge for the benefit of the needy children of our school. The Alumni of our school has been invited to attend.

Your association will have a registration room where applications for membership will be received by the vice-president, Miss Muriel Feigenbaum.

MILTON H. OHRINGER,
President.

Sixth Annual Monster
X. E. S. BASKETBALL — DANCE
Saturday Eve., January 26th, 1935

ODD FELLOWS HALL
Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
(Particulars later)

OMAHA

Mrs. Minnie Holloway, formerly of Council Bluffs, who spent the summer here, has gone to Seattle. She was accompanied by her sister-in-law, and will spend the winter in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Elmer Hanson, of Council Bluffs, had an accident in September, when she fell down the cellar steps of her home. She was badly shaken up, but fortunately, suffered no broken bones.

The movie "Russia," shown by the local Ows first at the Iowa School Friday night, October 26th, then at the Nebraska School Saturday, October 27th, drew large crowds. More than \$30.00 was realized for the Scholarship Fund.

With the hunting season on, we haven't heard of Tom L. Anderson's annual pheasant bagging and the bid he promised us last year. Didja catch any? How about it, Tom?

The bronze memorial tablet in honor of Dr. J. S. Long, presented to the Iowa School by the class of 1934, is a thing of beauty. It occupies a place of distinction on the north wall of the hallway as one enters the front doorway of the main building. The lettering is clear and simple. A more valuable gift to the school could not have been made than such a memorial to the man whose name was long a synonym of the Iowa School. It reads thus:

"In memory of
DR. J. SCHUYLER LONG
1869-1933

A true friend, a humanitarian who dedicated his life to the education of the Deaf

Presented by the class of 1934

Nine cows each exceeded the 40 pound fat mark per month in the registered Holstein herd of the I. S. D., in a test made by the Holstein Friesian Association of America. One cow yielded 60.1 pounds of fat and 1798 pounds of milk. Two hundred sixty-four herds are being tested, located in nearly every State in the Union.

Konrad A. Hokanson is no longer boys' athletic coach and director at the I. S. D. on account of a rule of the Iowa Athletic Association of Secondary Schools, requiring coaches to be regular high school instructors. He continues as Boys' Chief Officer. Mr. Hokanson is a graduate of Gallaudet College and experienced. Supt. McIntire had to select a new coach on short notice, so he and Mr. Quigley moved Mr. Scott up from freshman coach to head coach. He has Mr. Myklebust to help him. They have placed the football team on a high standard and the team has lost only one game so far. They have beaten Walnut, Thomas Jefferson, Randolph and Missouri Valley.

The Iowa *Hawkeye* is being published but once a month now. Such an interesting magazine, no doubt, would be welcomed every two weeks. We hope the new ruling is not permanent.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar M. Treuke left early Friday morning, October 26th, for Rochester, Minn. They picked up Mrs. Anton Netusil of Council Bluffs and took her as far as Albert Lea, Minn., to visit her former school chum, Mrs. Peterson, (*nee* Stock). The Treukes went to the famous Mayo Hospital to visit a sick aunt of Mrs. Treukes'. On the return trip Sunday they called for Mrs. Netusil.

HAL AND MEL.

WATCH THIS SPACE

Brooklyn Hebrew Society of the Deaf, Inc.

CHARITY BALL

March 30, 1935

(Particulars later)

I. BLUMENTHAL, Chairman
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OHIO

News items for this column can be sent to Miss B. Edgar, 56 Latta Ave., Columbus, O.

The following letter to the deaf-blind Leslie Oren (taken from the *Ohio Chronicle*) may be read by some one interested in the blind and lead to encouraging letters to Mr. Harold Schmenk; at least I hope so, as the young man needs much encouragement:

Dear Mr. Oren:

It has been my privilege to teach a deaf-blind young man to read Braille very recently. Harold Schmenk, a graduate of the State School for the Deaf, lost his sight a year ago. Perhaps you know him. He made splendid progress with his Braille system and reads many books. I cannot induce him to learn to write Braille; he feels he has no use for it.

He has been unhappy at times over his affliction. If he could have a few letters from other deaf-blind people, I know it would do him a great deal of good. I am wondering if you would like to write to him. Harold Schmenk, R.F.D. No. 1, Ottawa, Ohio.

We all admire you more than you know, Mr. Oren, and you could help this young man to get adjusted, I am sure—just a few words of encouragement. Your advice would be very valuable to him. Indeed I should appreciate this favor more than I can tell you. I shall thank you kindly for a little message you could send to Mr. Schmenk. I am enclosing a stamp for a letter to him in case you should care to write. I am

Your sincerely,
HELEN MECHLING,
Home Teacher,
Ohio Commission for the Blind.

When Rev. Borchardt comes to Columbus once a month for a service for the Lutheran deaf, he never fails to visit the Ohio Home for a service there. This thoughtfulness on the part of Rev. Borchardt is greatly appreciated by all connected with the Home.

Mr. J. Riddlebaugh, Mr. Peter Tamalonis and Mr. William Uren, all deaf employees at the school, have found a way to spend their spare time. All have join classes in the Columbus Y. M. C. A.; Mr. Riddlebaugh is taking a course in swimming, volley ball and weight lifting. Mr. Tamalonis has taken up boxing and bowling, in addition to swimming. Mr. Uren gives his time to first aid, life saving and boxing.

Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy, of Central Avenue, Columbus, are mourning the loss of their pet dog—a very intelligent one. They had him for almost nine years. His disappearance from home was a mystery to them.

An old resident of Columbus known to the older generation of the deaf, Mrs. George Ball, died at her home on Broad Street. As Miss Abigail Hyde she was a teacher at the school long years ago, but she never forgot how to spell and was always very cordial to those deaf whom she knew. Her daughter, Miss Ernestine Ball, taught for a few years, under Dr. Jones, but gave up to take a high school position in the Columbus public schools. Among the flowers near the casket was a bunch from the school greenhouse. Mr. A. B. Greener, who never forgets the former teachers of his day attended the funeral.

The Dayton Ladies' Aid Society will hold a Good Time Party, November 17th, at the Ben Hur Hall. A good supper of chili con carne will be served. This society supports a few rooms at the Ohio Home and have given much to the Home in other ways. These ladies deserve to do well with their November 17th party.

According to the local dailies, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ohlemacher became the proud parents of a son, October 20th, their first child. Of course, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ohlemacher are proud, too, although they were already grandparents of four.

The ladies of the St. Agnes Mission of Cleveland are making preparations for a supper for November 24th. Mrs. Jos. Dobe assisted by Mrs. Edwin Hughes, Mrs. Collins Sawhill and Mrs. David Friedman are in Chicago. The admission and supper will cost only twenty-five cents.

Mrs. Everett Kennedy met with an automobile accident yesterday, October 30th, and was taken to a hospital. Just what the accident was more than

a collision, I do not yet know. Mr. Kennedy was hastily summoned to the hospital. Mrs. Kennedy is at her home now, she was badly cut on her face.

When Mr. Frank Klotz was a pupil at the school, his love of flowers led him to the school's greenhouse and he decided to make himself a florist. From all accounts he has succeeded well and has recently taken his oldest son into partnership with him. After graduating from the school he secured work in a large greenhouse at his home, Bowling Green, and after a few years started out on a small scale with his wife's help. So well did he do that now he has large greenhouses, hired help and hundreds of satisfied customers.

I just returned from a visit to the school, where a Hallowe'en party was staged in the pupils' dining room at supper time. The lights were covered so as to dim the room which had been well decorated with black and yellow. Shocks of corn were scattered through the room. Each table was lighted with a jack o'lantern and each pupil found at his or her plate a bunch of small chrysanthemums. Cider and doughnuts were on the fare. It was a happy room full of children that assembled and they seemed to appreciate the surprise given them. Photographer Spahr was on hand and took a flash picture of the room. Superintendent Abernathy seemed to enjoy the party as well as the children and their matrons.

Another thing I learned was that the two ladies acting as waitresses in the officers' dining room, now wear uniforms of green and white and look very fine in the new make up which Matron Price has furnished them.

About two weeks ago, Donald Walpole, aged 5, the deaf son of Mr. and Mrs. Walpole, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, while running to a store on an errand for his mother, was instantly killed when he ran into a truck. His eight-year-old sister was with him, but escape injury. E.

October 31st.

Oeth, Printer Sixty Years, Honor Guest at Picnic

MINOT, N. D.—Lewis Lawrence Oeth of this city, who has been a printer sixty-one years, a member of Typographical Union No. 376 a half century, and who still puts in a few days a week in the shop of the Ward County *Independent*, where he has been employed since December 24th, 1903, was the guest of honor at a golden jubilee picnic staged by No. 376 here back in July.

"Oeth did not hear the tributes that were paid to him," stated the *Minot News* and *Optic Reporter*. "He did not hear the birds singing, or the rustle of the leaves in the trees as they were whipped by the wind. He has been deaf for sixty years, the result of a severe attack of spinal meningitis when he was aged eleven.

"But with a wave of his hand and a 'thank you' in his own peculiar language he accepted a gold watch charm which was presented to him by Otto F. Gross on behalf of 376.

"Mr. Oeth got a job as an apprentice on the Canton (Mo.) *Press* July 25, 1874, and subsequently worked at Keokuk, Iowa; Quincy, Ill., and Owatonna, Minn., before coming to Minot to be employed by C. F. Truax and G. D. Colcord, co-publishers of the Ward County *Independent*. He was born at Canton April 28, 1863.

"He had the opportunity of attending school only two years before his hearing was ruined. He attended a private German school for two summers and knows that language. His lack of schooling, however, did not interfere with his acquiring a good education, for he has always been an industrious reader, not only of the newspapers but of periodicals and works of literature. It has been his custom for many years to read the Bible daily. He has also studied the dictionary many years. Sport pages also are pursued avidly.

"It has always been my ambition to master every word in the dictionary," he once said, "but I'm afraid I'll never be able to do all of this."

Mr. Gross was chosen to make the presentation of the watch charm, because he and Mr. Oeth are the only two charter members of Minot Typographical Union, organized June 13, 1905, still living in Minot.—*Linotype News*.

CHICAGOLAND

Charles B. Kemp, Grand Secretary-Treasurer of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, suffered a paralytic stroke on October 25th and was removed to St. Luke's Hospital.

Secretary Kemp had complained of dizziness to President Roberts, who bade him sit down and let the office work slide until he felt better. The secretary returned to his office, but President Roberts was on the watch and went there a few minutes later, and found Mr. Kemp unconscious in his chair. A doctor from St. Luke's was summoned, who had the patient rushed to the hospital, where skilled medical attention was given him. At present writing he is now resting at his home, and the effects of the stroke will not be permanent, as was at first feared.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gunner took their belated vacation by hieing down to Dallas, Tex., arriving at his "old stamping ground," October 21st. He wrote that it was unusually warm out there, registering 90 degrees at noon at the time of writing. The trip lasted about a week.

Lovely, young Mrs. Fred Lee is back after an absence of some time. Fred Lee has a good position as staff-artist on the *Chicago American*, the afternoon Hearst paper.

The Chicago Demons, preparing for an active season on the basketball courts, gave a successful card party at the Pas-a-Pas Club. Twenty tables were filled.

Mrs. Kate Stephens engineered a successful Hallowe'en social at Ephpheta social center on the 28th—attendance over 100. Mrs. Gott won first prize for the best masker—attired as a realistic witch.

The quiet Mrs. Linda Brimble did not regain hearing a la Casewell when she took her first aeroplane trip last month to Detroit, but she did gain four hours clipped off six hours ordinarily used via railroad. What do people do with time thus saved? After her fashion, she remarked that she could thus see more of her daughter, who lives there, within a given time, as she could give herself the only limit of a week-end. She enthusiastically advises all the deaf to take to air. She also week-ended at Milwaukee, Wis., but did not say if it was by way of air. She saw Mr. and Mrs. Geilfuss, and other friends at that city, which is to Chicago what Philadelphia is to New York City.

Here's the instance where any and all languages fail, sign-language or otherwise included. In Racine, Wis., a deaf woman, about 55 years old, was in custody of the police since July 6th, lost and nameless, because she could neither write nor talk. On October 11th, the deputy sheriff gave her paper and pencil again and urged her to write, and she resorted to the "picture writing" of primitive days. She drew a sketch of a elevated railroad, a double-deck bus, and a cemetery with a house nearby. Inspired, the sheriff exclaimed, "Irving Park, it must be." He took her along in the car, and shortly found the correct house, identifying the woman as Miss Helen Bailey, who has been living in the "house the cemetery" at 5315 Melrose Street, Chicago, with her sister. Born in Hungary, she could not write English nor understand the American sign-language.

Most organizations in this city seem to have gone into the swing of prosperity. Last Saturday night, October 27th, Lutheran Church for the Deaf scored a successful party of cards and bunco, under the joint management of Wm. Maiworm and Joe Miller. So did

All Angels' Mission for the Deaf, Wednesday night, October 24th, with the same kind of party, put over by Mr. Robert O. Blair, who has taken the place of the late F. B. Wirt, as the treasurer of this church. Both took in an income of not less than \$40.

Chicago Silents put through its card and dance affair at Turner Hall, 2700 So. Turner Avenue, with indifferent success. The income, rather small, goes to the purchase of basketball uniforms. Noticeable in activities for this party were Messrs. Rudnick, Bush and Scoztowski.

Taking the past experience of Chicago Division, No. 106, in contests at its latest dance as a basis, J. Gordon is using every caution in selecting the judges, who are to be hearing, in the best dancing-pair contest to be given at the ball of the Chicago League of Hebrew Deaf. The date is November 17th, 1934, at Three Links Hall, Western and Lawrence. (See the ad. on this page.) Cards are included.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Filliger will act as host and hostess at the coming second Sunday, November 11th, card party under the wing of Central Oral Club. The Hallowe'en party of the last month was fairly successful—like many other clubs. Is it an index to the upswing of prosperity?

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A MATERIAL aid towards inducing partial contentment upon our outlook on the trials of life is the making of a sincere effort to fit ourselves in with the era in which we are living. Some people seemingly prefer to live in the past, showing little interest in things modern, yet if we would be tuned up to a real enjoyment of life we should school ourselves to considering the present as equal to or better than the past. Other days will recall fond memories of departed loved ones and pleasures, but they too often leave deep scars of sorrow which no remedy can erase.

As long as we refuse to see good in anything that has a new and modern flavor, so long will we continue victims to pessimism, which is a deterrent to contentment. The present may be filled with trials and disappointments, but happy is he who can smile at and with the times in which he is. Our existence seems to be a continual pulling of ourselves out of holes that we meet in our daily experience; they are for us to overcome, a sort of test of our grit and patience.

In one of Dickens' entrancing and instructive tales, *David Copperfield*, he introduces the character of Micawber, who is seemingly an impractical, optimistic person, always waiting for "something to turn up." Continually beset by want and trouble, he persists in seeing in the tomorrow the prospect of a cloud with its silver lining turned towards him, rather than one concealing further calamity. Not many of us possess such a complaisant nature of indifference for the future, but there is something in it we might cultivate to advantage in these days of uncertainty of worldly improvement from conditions attending the depression. The world moves smoothly enough for those who realize that their own problems are probably not the hardest ones, and that they are capable of solution.

In the case of the deaf, who certainly show as patient a spirit as the generality of mankind, in the present

era, there is an amusing befuddlement following the contentious claims of the superiority of this or that method of instruction employed in their education. The deaf themselves are not usually considered when these matters are being discussed, but were the adult deaf to be questioned they would undoubtedly declare that the most perfect method is that which affords to the pupil an opportunity for the acquisition of the habit of reading.

This is their main and safest reliance for the attainment of improvement in the use of language and the gaining of useful information. It is the want of proper practice in this valuable branch that is a misfortune to the deaf in after-school days, for reading brings to them some of those things that make life livable for them. Without the ability to read understandingly they lose a part of that something which brings happiness to their silent lives. An old and familiar saying advises "Know thyself, be thyself, think," and this last is also a most valuable habit for daily practice; but it is too often neglected. For some it has no meaning, since thinking before acting never comes to the mind of those whose minds have not been trained for the useful activities that life demands in the effort for success through self-improvement.

IN THE course of the proceedings at the eighth triennial convention of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf, at the Frederick Hotel in Huntington, W. Va., a most interesting and sensible view of methods in the education of the deaf was expressed in the address of Mr. A. E. Krause, Superintendent of the West Virginia School. We subjoin a part of his address to the Alumni of the School:—

Friends, I am sorry I must address you today entirely orally, but I assure you that I have quite come to the conclusion I don't want to be an oralist as some who have almost made it an obsession. I wish I could speak to you today as my interpreter is doing—I assure you I would not disdain such an art.

I have been impressed and quite convinced that the overemphasis of oralism has to a great number of the deaf worked a great loss in educational advancement. I quite concur with Dr. Hall, who asserts we must educate the deaf as largely as possible; the medium of importation must not stand first, but the objection of an enlarged and efficient life must be first. Therefore during the past year I have not placed a compulsion or repression against manualism, and I cannot see any reason I should ever do so. My interest is that your children given to my care shall be trained physically, spiritually and mentally and whatever way that can be done most effectively—that way, be it orally or manually—shall be tolerated and encouraged.

But friends of the silent world do not think I shall weakly follow the line of least resistance or permit the children to do the same. The best that is in us cannot come out by always doing what is easiest. The manual and oral method, both have a place in my humble opinion. For the children first committed to our care I believe that language building, lipreading and speech development should be strongly emphasized and prosecuted. I realized to do this best and avoid having the child follow the line of least resistance, we should have segregated equipment. Many private schools claiming to be purely oral have such favorable conditions and may accomplish more than the ordinary state school with so much of large group equipment. But even in such schools I am still wondering if the child is really educated in a broad sense; I fear the education is too narrowed to achievement of speech and lipreading while the mind itself has been starved and stunted.

Friends, we want to insist upon lipreading and speech where it is at all possible, for most

of the contacts of life will be with hearing and speaking people. On the other hand, however, I do not want to continue to harp on this when reasonable observation shows this is quite impossible. Those whose progress is extremely slow; should be permitted, after the good language foundation has been made, to prosecute their education as will give them largest returns. Good language may be maintained by careful manual spelling—even if with interpolation of abbreviated signs. True I have seen corruptions that may be caused in some instances by the sign-language, but I feel that much of this corruption can be attributed to other causes. In brief I say—carefully build up a good language foundation and then as widely as possible educate the child in the way that best brings results. Good teachers should know and correct any corrupting tendencies. Let the youth be free from dangerous repressions in the prosecution of his education. Freedom of expression is a divine right of the deaf among those of kin—the pencil and tablet to his speaking and hearing brethren.

But this is a big subject and in my novitiate perhaps I have spoken too freely. My interest is to teach unto the unfolding of each individual life according to its capacity, adjusting the means to the demands of the child, not enslaving the child to the demands of a rigorous, monarchistic and narrowing method. I like the teacher who is free—not a slave to any particular method, but resourceful in methods suitable to the individual child. Education of the deaf is more individualistic than that of normal children. In short I want to search all things, prove all things and hold fast to that which is good.

It is with sincere regret that we have learned of the death of Miss Pearl Herdman, for ten years Principal of the Gallaudet Day School for the Deaf, St. Louis, Mo. Miss Herdman did valiant service in her efforts not only for the pupils of her school, but in the field of the general welfare of the deaf. She deserved the tributes paid her by the deaf, in whose cause she performed devoted service.

The New York School ("Fanwood") believes in the superior advantages of a location in the country, and is preparing to abandon its present site overlooking the Palisades of the Hudson. A tract of some eighty acres out in the wide open spaces has been purchased and a new plant will be built. The Fanwood School is to be congratulated on the golden opportunity to secure the many desirable modern features available where a school is free to build from the ground up. This will be the second time the school has moved away from the encroachment of the city; the last time was in 1856.—*Kentucky Standard*.

Mr. Thomas S. Sheridan who has been the editor of the *North Dakota Banner* for twenty-five years past, has laid down his pen and said good-bye to the sanctum. He has earned a rest but his retirement will be deeply regretted by the school circle, for he wields a graceful and scholarly pen that has much to do with giving North Dakota such a conspicuous place on the map in our work. The affectionate regard of the I. p. f. editors goes with him in his retirement. The work of editing *The Banner* has been distributed among the members of the school staff.—*Kentucky Standard*.

Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Dickinson

Mrs. Elizabeth Dickinson passed away on September 28th, in her 87th year, a victim of Bright's disease. She was born September 20th, 1848, at Attleboro, daughter of Alden and Ann E. Woodcock Carpenter. She was educated at the American School for the Deaf, Hartford, and after her marriage she lived for many years in Haverhill. She entered Riverbank in 1929. She is survived by two cousins in Attleboro.

Funeral services were conducted October 1st in the chapel by Rev. J. Stanley Light, who also accompanied the body to Haverhill, where interment was made beside her husband in Hill-

side Cemetery. Four trustees and four members of the Riverbank family also attended the final service at the grave.—*New England Spokesman*.

Tacoma, Wash.

A shower was given Mrs. Boesen the afternoon of October 18th, at the home of the Hales. Various useful and beautiful gifts were given in anticipation of the stork's near arrival. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, Mr. Hale.

Twenty-two of the local deaf attended a card party at the Hales', Saturday evening, October 20th. The prizes for "500" were won by Mrs. Key and George Sheastley, while Mrs. Boesen and Alex Rehn scored for wild rummy. A small admission charge helped swell the convention fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz and Mrs. Key spent the afternoon of October 27th with their sisters, Mrs. Reno and Mrs. Millhone, it being Mrs. Reno's seventy-sixth birthday. (Mrs. Lorenz calls Mrs. Reno, Mrs. Millhone and Mrs. Key "Civil War babies.") A beautiful birthday cake was sent by another sister, Mrs. Finch, of Yakima. D. V. T., Yakima, and Eastern Star sent nearly a hundred greeting cards and birthday remembrances such as handkerchiefs and hosiery. Three different friends each sent one-dollar bills. It was indeed a happy birthday for Mrs. Reno, who was supposed to be very near death when she came to Tacoma in July to share an apartment with Mrs. Millhone. She has made a wonderful rally and seems to be on the road to complete recovery.

Silent Fellowship gave another successful party, a Hallowe'en masquerade, Saturday evening, October 27th, at Carpenter's Hall. Prizes for costumes went to Mrs. McNeish and Al. Goetz, first; Mrs. Sheastley and Alex Rehn, second; Mrs. Leonard Cruzan and George Sheastley, third. Prize-winners for games were: Peanut race, Follice Mapes; Apple race (marathon), L. Cruzan; Cracker race, Lynette Cruzan; Card-table race: 1st Alex Rehn, 2d L. Cruzan, 3d Edward Hale; Water race, Mrs. Sheastley; Peanut-guessing contest, tied for by Clarence Stuard and Mrs. Sheastley. Sandwiches, cookies and cider were served at long tables, which made it more enjoyable. The committee in charge of the affair was James Scanlon, chairman; Mrs. Lorenz, Miss Zurfliuh, Mr. and Mrs. Ecker and Russell Wainscott. Between sixty and seventy persons were present, and all in all, it was a very hilarious affair. One of the committee was in such a rush to be on hand that on arrival it was found that the new store teeth had been left at home, several miles distant. But like a real sport, the hustler stuck to the post of duty, greeting all comers with a toothless grin!

Al Goetz replenished his pocket-book recently by working eight days as assistant cook for the West Forks Logging Co. at Mineral. If he was as lively at handing out the eats as he was at performing acrobatic stunts as clown at the masquerade, he must have been very popular with the men. (We've never heard of women loggers.)

Edward Hale is chairman for a card party to be held at Carpenter's Hall November 24th. He announces that admission, including eats, will be thirty-five cents. Holder of ticket No. 13 will have his money refunded and will receive all his entertainment absolutely free. Other games besides cards will be provided, and there will be plenty of good prizes handed out. Remember, November 24th!

Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins are now living in a little house on Oakes Street, a little house just big enough for his trio and an occasional overnight guest. Peter Coic, of Aberdeen, was their guest over the week-end and attended the masquerade on the 27th. On Sunday a few friends dropped in to play cards.

Counting the Dust in the Air

By W. A. Shenstone, F.R.S.

I was reading the other day about a Cornish giant in the old times, who, by way of retribution for his many sins, was set, after death, the task of emptying a great inland sea with no other vessel than a leaky cockle-shell. This set me thinking that many of the problems which men of science spend their lives in solving must seem to most people almost as impossible, almost as fantastic as those we read about in this old Cornish legend and in the fairy-books.

We set ourselves to weigh the earth, having no scales and no weights for that purpose; we try to weigh "atoms," particles so small that even with the aid of the best microscopes we cannot see them; and again, we busy ourselves upon attempts to count "the gay motes which people the sunbeams," tackling the task as if it were a matter of serious moment—which, indeed it is, and well within the power of the ordinary man. In the legends, the hero of the story not infrequently succeeds in performing his impossible task. When he does so, as you will remember, usually he has the countenance of a friendly fairy, who comes to his aid.

Now it has always seemed to me that every great discoverer, has had the aid of a good fairy, and that her name is "Imagination." Readers will see what I mean if they listen while I tell them how Mr. John Aitken of Falkirk, in Scotland, succeeded a few years ago in counting the dust in the air.

The origin of Mr. Aitken's experiments in counting dust was very simple. When steam—real, vaporous, invisible steam—escapes into the air from the spout of a kettle, or is blown off from the boiler of a steam-engine, it condenses, as we all know, into beautiful clouds consisting of thousands of millions of minute drops of water. This beautiful and, although familiar, somewhat mysterious phenomenon had often been watched by Mr. Aitken, just as it has been watched by every one of us over and over again. And it set him thinking, for, as he told the members of the Meteorological Congress at Chicago a few years ago, it jarred severely upon his scientific ideas—for this reason. A vessel of water, when it is cooled below the freezing-point, does not form clouds of ice-crystals by the freezing of the water at a thousand or a million different centers all at once, but, as far as we can tell, solidifies only at a few points where it finds free surfaces, as, for example, on the sides of the vessel, or upon any solid objects, large or small, that may be immersed in the water; and again, liquid water, if quite free from air, does not boil steadily at one hundred degrees Centigrade unless it be brought into contact with surfaces of air.

Why, he asked, should steam condense to water in this singular manner? Was the process of condensing steam into water inherently different from the freezing of water, or could it be that the dust played a part in the process, and supplied surfaces on which steam could condense?

It was easy to test this last idea in a rough sort of way by admitting steam into a cold flask containing air made free from dust by filtering it through cotton-wool. Mr. Aitken tried this experiment, and found, as he expected, that in dust-free air steam forms no mist or cloud when it is cooled; but, on the contrary, that steam cooling in dust-free air remains clear and translucent, only the sides of the flask being made wet by the condensing steam.

The result of this experiment, confirmed by other and more exact experiments, had important consequences. Thus it suggested to meteorologists, as, no doubt, it has suggested to my readers, the importance of the part played by dust in the forming of clouds in the air and, as a consequence of this, the influence of dust on climate. If there were no dust in the

air, there would be, it seems, no clouds, no mist, no fog; that is to say, the sun would never be hidden by day, and even within the limits of what is now the temperate zone of the earth we should live in a continual glare, such as now occurs only at some of the hottest spots of the earth's surface.

It is true that without dust we might expect still to experience wet weather; but probably there would be no rain, for rain-drops are but exaggerated cloud-drops, and in place of rainy weather we should have a state of things in which every object about us, every tree, every stick, every stone, every living thing, every man, woman and child would gather moisture upon them, so that our clothes and everything else about us would quickly be soaked through; and this, not only outdoors, even umbrellas, but often, perhaps, indoors as well.

The discovery of the remarkable power possessed by dust of promoting the formation of fog, as you will readily see, made it important to study dust particles more closely than before—for example, to count them. It is also suggested to Mr. Aitken how this could be done—namely by using the dust itself to create fogs in dusty air, and then counting the drops in measured volumes of the fogs thus created.

I scarcely need explain that this admirable idea did not clear away all difficulties instantly, for it is, I think, evident that droplets of water flying about in a fog would not be much easier to count than dust itself. The droplets would, it is true, be larger, and therefore more visible, than dust grains, but like the dust they would never be still; and a great difficulty would be caused by the huge number of drops which go to make up even a small volume of foggy air.

Thus there remain, as Mr. Aitken saw, two things still to be done before you can count the drops in a fog. First, you must bring the drops to rest. If you do not do this, you will count some of them twice, some thrice, and some, perhaps, even more often; and, on the other hand, you will be quite likely to fail to count some of them at all. Secondly, as you could not hope to count all the drops in a flask filled with fog, or even in a much smaller volume than this, you must operate on a comparatively small, measured volume of the fog, such as a single cubic centimeter.

But even when this is done, still a difficulty remains, for thousands and thousands of dust particles may be present even in a single cubic centimeter of air. This difficulty was overcome by adopting the "method of dilution." Suppose you were to admit one cubic centimeter of air containing fifty thousand dust particles into a small flask which contained already ninety-nine cubic centimeters of air previously made free from dust by filtering through cotton-wool.

Then you would have your fifty thousand dust particles in one hundred cubic centimeters of air, instead of in one cubic centimeter, so that each cubic centimeter of the diluted air would contain only five hundred particles. If, next, you took one cubic centimeter of this diluted air and again diluted it, let us say, to ten cubic centimeters, then in each cubic centimeter of this twice diluted air you would have only fifty dust particles, which, as you will see, would be quite a reasonable number to count. This is the principle on which Mr. Aitken worked when he had to deal with very dusty air. He diluted his dust-laden air to a known extent with dust-free air, counted the particles in the product by the method I am about to describe, and from the result he calculated the number of dust particles in the original air.

Suppose, for example, that he started with a cubic centimeter of dust-laden air, diluted it to one hundred cubic centimeters with dust-free air, and then found forty-five dust particles in a cubic centimeter of the product, he would conclude that the original air contained four thousand five hundred particles of suspended

dust. Nothing could be easier or more trustworthy than this calculation, if fair samples of air can be taken at every stage.

Mr. Aitken's method of producing a fog in dusty air, bringing its drops to rest, and counting their number in a given volume of the air, was, in its original form, very simple, but in its later and more exact forms it was complicated by detail to which I shall not refer.

The results obtained by counting the dust in different places and under various conditions are diverse, and we cannot go fully into that part of our subject; but I may say that in some places in Switzerland the motes found amount, at their lowest, only to a few hundred in a cubic centimeter, and that in the wilds of the west Highlands of Scotland as few as sixteen have been found in a cubic centimeter of air.

On the other hand, in towns like London, New York and Paris you may find tens, and occasionally even hundreds, of thousands in this same small volume. This fact will help you to understand the healthiness of such places as the Highlands of Scotland and the Alps, when you remember that many of the dust particles are living organisms, and that many of these organisms are by no means desirable guests in the human body.

My readers must not suppose, however, that Mr. Aitken's method of counting dust is interesting only to those who study public health or meteorology. Its applications cover a much wider field, and it has done good service in physics, where a modified form of the original experiment has enabled physicists to invade and to a great extent to conquer realms which a little while ago were almost unknown to us. In these new fields, the new counting process has helped on the discovery of the existence of bodies far smaller than those very small bodies, the chemical atoms, and has thus assisted physicists in their studies of the radiations of that wonderful substance, the new element, radium.

If you have any acquaintance with the science of chemistry you will know that according to the masters of this science all matter may be supposed to be built up of extremely minute particles called atoms, that hydrogen has the smallest atom, and that for about a century these atoms resisted all the efforts of the physicists and chemists to break them into smaller fragments; so that they seemed to constitute the smallest existing particles, and to be indivisible.

A few years ago, however, Dr. J. J. Thomas of the University of Cambridge in England, when studying what are called the "cathode rays" of highly exhausted vacuum tubes, came to the conclusion that inside these tubes there must be streams of something charged with negative electricity which travel from the cathodes, or negative electrodes, with great velocities and in straight lines till they reach the sides of the tubes, where they are stopped, and produce the Roentgen rays, which are used, as we all know, by the doctors for taking photographs of the bones, and other things, too, inside our bodies.

And presently Doctor Thomas was led by his discoveries to suppose further that the streams inside these exhausted tubes, when they are in action, must consist of swarms of particles like the chemists' atoms, carrying relatively enormous electric charges, or else of very much smaller particles than atoms, carrying electric charges equal to those borne by hydrogen atoms when acidulated water is decomposed by an electric current.

Now it occurred to him that if he could measure the total amount of electricity carried by the particles in a given volume of the contents of one of these exhausted tubes, and count the number of particles present in the same volume, he would be able to solve the each problem presented him.

But think of the difficulty of the task. In a vacuum tube exhausted till only a millionth of its original charge

of air remains in the tube, there are still about twenty million million (20,000,000,000,000) molecules in each cubic centimeter, while the particles which Doctor Thomson wished to count are about a thousand times smaller than hydrogen atoms, two of which are required to make a molecule.

This difficult problem was solved in this way. In the first place, it was shown that the charged particles found in the vacuum tube are very like dust particles in one important quality. They produce a mist in moist air, much as dust does, when the air is suddenly expanded by means of an air-pump. Secondly, Professor Thomson remembered that another great physicist, the late Sir George Stokes, has shown us how to calculate the rate at which drops of water of known size fall through the air. From which it follows that it should be possible to find the average size of the drops in a fog by measuring the rate at which the fog falls in still air.

Accordingly, he made experiments upon air containing these particles somewhat like the experiment I have already described in this essay; but instead of counting the drops in the fog as described above, Doctor Thomson measured the rate at which the fog subsided, and deduced the size of the drops from their rate of fall. Then, knowing how much water had gone to form the drops, and also the average volume of the drops, he calculated the number of drops by dividing the volume of a single drop. Finally, having measured the total charge of electricity carried by the particles, and knowing their number, he was able to calculate the electric charge carried by each.

He found that each particle carried a charge equal to that carried by a hydrogen atom in the electrolysis of water. That is, "electrons," as we now call them, are far smaller than the smallest particle of matter ever before recognized.

When I tell you that Doctor Thomson had to deal with about thirty thousand drops in each cubic centimeter of the gas studied, and that the weight of these thirty thousand drops was only about the thirteen-thousandth part of a grain, you will be able to form some idea of the character of this, the most wonderful experiment in counting yet made by man.

And now what is the moral of this history of Mr. Aitken's experiment of counting the dust in the air, and of its splendid application in recent physical researches in to the nature of matter? I can answer this question best, perhaps, by asking you a second question. Could any mere dry-as-dust, text-book absorber have thought out Mr. Aitken's process for counting the motes in the air, or have applied it, as Doctor Thomson did, to the discovery of those wonderful particles, the electrons? I think every one will agree with me that something far beyond reading and remembering was wanted. And was not that something "imagination?"

LITERARY NIGHT

Ephpheta Society

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Canadian News

News items for this column, and subscriptions, may be sent to Mrs. A. M. Adam, 5 Fairholt Road N, Hamilton, Ont., Canada.

HAMILTON

At the Centenary Church, on Sunday, 28th October, Mr. Carl Harris, assisted by Mr. Jack Harrison, took charge of the service in Mr. Gleadow's absence in Galt.

About a dozen of the deaf from this city attended the Frat anniversary supper in Toronto on Saturday, 27th October, and had a good time there.

Mr. Howard Breen, who has not been in good health for some time, went into the General Hospital on the 28th to have an X-ray examination, and will know the result in a few days.

We Hamilton folk had our first touch of winter on Sunday, 28th, which was a day of biting winds, while some snow fell in the early part of the day.

TORONTO, ONT.

The N. F. S. D. Toronto division, No. 98, held its tenth anniversary supper at Central Y. M. C. A., College Street, on Saturday 27th October.

About 50 persons sat down to supper, and some more came in later, bringing the attendance up to 60.

The visitors from outside points included Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gleadow, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Taylor, Mrs. Salmon, and Miss Nye; Messrs. Gordon Webb, Arthur McShane, Cecil Murtell and Bud Male, all of Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lloyd, Brantford; Mr. and Mrs. Newton Black, Mr. Siess and Mr. Hagen, of Kitchener.

The president of the division welcomed the members and friends and thanked them for their attendance, and spoke of the aims of the society.

Mr. Shilton gave a very interesting address on the history of the society, its aims and objects, and said he hoped to see branches started in other parts of Canada, and that he "had his eye" on one place in particular—(Hamilton?)

Mr. Grooms has big ideas of the future of the N. F. S. D. in Canada, and not only hoped for a greatly increased membership, but said he expected to see some time, a huge building in Toronto, with the letters N. F. S. D. in big letters on the front.

Mr. Reeves spoke of how he first came to start the Toronto division, which began with a membership of ten.

Mr. Jaffray mentioned that one of the visitors present was the 100th member of the N. F. S. D., and called on Mr. Siess, of Pontiac, Mich., to speak.

Mr. Siess accordingly related how he came to join the society as a youth, and said that his father thought it would be good for him to become a member of the society and that the scheme of insurance and sick benefit would be very useful.

Mr. Lloyd spoke of his opinion of the N. F. S. D. as an outside member, and while referring, with appreciation, to the work and aims of the society, thought that the outside members should have equal rights with the Toronto division.

Mr. Lloyd replied to Mr. Jaffray's address to "the ladies" and said that they are keenly appreciative of and grateful for the benefits they derived through the N. F. S. D.—of the help the sick benefit and insurance is to them and of the pleasure they have in attending the picnics and other entertainments.

After the speeches, a pleasant time was spent in games, etc., and all had an enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Walker returned home on the 22d of October from a week's visit to their niece and nephew at Mountain View Apartments, Hamilton, and on Friday evening enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Waggoner. They had lovely drives out in the country on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

KITCHENER, ONT.

The wedding of Miss Kaufman and Mr. George Pepper, which was to have taken place on the 20th of October, had to be postponed till a later date, as the happy couple forgot to get the license in time to have the ceremony performed on that date.

We understand, however, that the knot was duly tied on the 27th, in Benton Street Baptist Church, with Miss Ruth Nahrang acting as interpreter. The wedding was a private one, only near relatives attending.

Mr. Siess drove Mr. and Mrs. Black and Mr. William Hagen to Toronto on the 27th to attend the Frats' social.

Mr. Absalom Martin's father is recovering nicely, and we hope he will soon be well again.

Mrs. L. B. Moynihan spent the week-end of October 20th to 22d in Hamilton, and was the guest of Mrs. Adam and Mrs. Gleadow, and took in the Hallowe'en social.

COOKSTOWN, ONT.

Mr. William Bell is very busy and doing well at his trade. He is now building a service station, and has also got an order to build a barn on a local farm.

Mr. Sloan drove Mr. and Mrs. Williams to Palgrave recently to visit some deaf friends, and met Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Beard, all of whom, they were pleased to find quite well.

Mrs. Bell may go to Barrie on the 11th of November, to attend Mr. Grooms' service there, and if so, she will assist by signing the hymn "Saviour, More than Life to Me."

A. M. ADAM.

High Light-spots of the Addresses of the International Congress New Jersey

Selections by Zeno

CLARENCE D. O'CONNOR

Lexington Avenue School, New York City

"The work should be individual."

"As Miss Yale so aptly stated: 'The deafness of the teacher is often a greater handicap than the deafness of the pupil.'"

"Elaborate breath control exercises are splendid for the gym, and more particularly important for the singer, but to spend time on them in the classroom is quite illogical."

"Dr. McCarthy, of Fordham, has discovered that the average hearing child begins babbling at a very early period and that, before he is eight years old, he has used—of course disconnectedly—all the sounds he will use later."

"From that time, his vocabulary increases rapidly."

"These are two very significant facts for teachers of the deaf to consider, first, that the hearing child babbles all the sounds for a long time before he combines them in recognizable words, and second, that after he has acquired considerable vocal skill, a much longer period elapses before he begins to express his ideas in sentences."

"Speech to be natural and fluent must be automatic."

"This the hearing child acquires through his longer period of vocal development. But this is not the case with the deaf child. He is forced into connected speech too soon."

"Let us attempt to reduce speech for the deaf to as nearly a level of normalcy as possible."

"Let us look at it as a simple function, not a complex one."

"Let us remove some of the drudgery from it and make it as enjoyable a study for the deaf as it is for the hearing."

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"Voice is a powerful thing. It lifts some people of unattractive appearance to commanding position."

"Voice is more than half your character as the other fellow feels it."

"Voice is the barometer of health. Vigorous health or physical weakness is quickly apparent in the sound of the human voice."

"Voice in speech and song is a servant of the brain and its cultivation."

"The teacher should possess a strong mental vocal imagery, upon which the child's intellect can feed unflinching for his vocal inspiration."

"Unpleasant voices are more common than cultured ones."

"Poor voices are so common that few take the pains to even understand voice at all."

"Helen Keller's statement that her education had been reversed and that, had she learned to use her voice first and articulate work afterward, she would have a more normal speech, I believe to be a great contribution to the teaching of the deaf."

LETITIA RAUBICHECK

"The psychological effect of isolation is perhaps the most conspicuous feature of the deafened person's 'Gestalt.'"

"Since this is so, if language is to function as communication with the outside world, it is necessary to make the patient desire such communication and feel adequate for it."

"It is necessary to stimulate our student by giving him a variety of experience so that there will be actual material which he desires to communicate."

"The cooperation of the school and the home is sought in building up within each student a feeling of solidarity with his sphere and a desire to become a part of it by means of communication."

"Where mere imitation of the teacher's speech is rendered physically impossible, the aid of phonetics (science of sounds) should be indispensable."

ELIZABETH D. McDOWELL

"We should think it absurd to teach walking or dancing by analyzing the minute muscular processes involved in movements. The toddler first 'planks' one stubby foot after the other, holding on to some support before he learns finer translations in the balance of his body."

"Categorical statements about the 'best' way of going about and project in teaching are always out of order, and especially are they so in discussing the problems of teaching persons having special handicaps of which we must take into account."

"Communication during the construction activities is effected most frequently by means of gestures and spontaneous cries by both hearing and non-hearing children of this age."

"In fact, gestures form so large a part of the equipment for communication in the case of the very young normal child that special provision for stimulating language learnings must be had in nursery schools."

ZENO.

(Simplicity is not abnormal but natural or regular and, as a constituent of normalcy, is also an ally of reason.)

Starting to teach in his nineteenth year, Tilden wrote and posted on the wall of the classroom, behind his desk, these "Golden Rules of the Teaching of the Deaf":

"Firstly, do not believe that when a pupil, whoever he be or whatever be his standing, first comes to you, he knows anything."

"Secondly, do not believe that when he has learned anything, he remembers it."

On a warm California day in September, the same long-haired, wan-faced young man walked out of the grounds of the school, turned for a moment to look at its cluster of brick buildings, and went on, never to return, for he became a famous sculptor, still speaking the simple language of the people in art.—Z.)

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Lincoln and Worden

A Lincoln story which has perhaps never before been printed is told by one who had it from the lips of Rear-Admiral John L. Worden, who, as lieutenant, commanded the *Monitor* in its flight with the *Merrimac*. When the *Monitor* was in process of construction, there was considerable discussion at Washington as to who should command it. As the vessel was in so many ways an experimental craft, it was felt to be not entirely a proper thing to order any one to take charge of it, and the idea of calling for volunteers was considered. A friend of Lieutenant Worden, however, suggested his name. He was asked if he would take the command and he gladly accepted it.

When he had made the emergency run from New York, on receipt of news that the *Merrimac* was destroying the Union fleet, and after he had defeated the Confederate ironclad, Lieutenant Worden was taken, wounded and unconscious, from his ship, and escorted back to Washington by the same friend who had suggested his name—an officer on duty at navy headquarters. At this friend's house he was cared for.

On the morning after the Battle at Hampton Roads, President Lincoln and the members of his Cabinet held a meeting to consider the various aspects of the battle, and the naval officer was called in, as a witness of the battle, to describe it.

"Where is Lieutenant Worden now?" asked the President.

"At my house, sir," replied the officer. The President reached for his hat, and a moment later the meeting adjourned.

"I don't know what you gentlemen are going to do," he said, "but for my part I am going to pay my respects to the young man who fought that battle."

He went directly to the sick-room where Worden lay, blindfolded and in great pain. Without speaking, he reached out his great hands and folded them over one of Worden's.

Some one told the lieutenant that it was President Lincoln who had come.

"You do me great honor, sir," he said. President Lincoln stroked his hand.

"You need no man to do you honor, lieutenant," he said, "for you have done great honor to yourself and your country."

In all his life thereafter Admiral Worden declared that nothing ever moved him as did the grasp of the President's hands and the deep, thrilling sympathy in his voice. In the course of that visit President Lincoln told the lieutenant that promotion was awaiting him.

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